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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA: ORTEGA MAY PARTICIPATE IN FAO SUMMIT

REFS: A) USDA 689578, B) USDA 689508

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAGFOR) officials are unable to confirm Nicaraguan participation in the United Nations Food and Agriculture organization (FAO) High-Level Conference on World Food Security to be held in Rome (Ref B). It is not clear whether President Ortega will attend the conference, as reported locally. It is possible he will remain in Nicaragua over the next several days to deal with the aftermath of Tropical Storm Alma, which battered Nicaragua's Pacific coast on May 29. Post has extended invitations to MAGFOR to the U.S.-Philippine hosted lunch scheduled for June 3 (Ref A).

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